

I write in support of the NAB's Petition. FCC, in authorizing satellite radio, vowed to protect "vibrant" local broadcasting, and promised to take "any necessary action to safeguard the important service that terrestrial radio provides." That time is now.

Before XM and Sirius invest millions of dollars in technology, and further raise consumer's expectations about their ability to receive specific content, the FCC must clarify it authorized a national-only satellite radio service

In granting licenses for satellite radio, the FCC relied on the express promises by XM Radio Inc. ("XM") and Sirius Satellite Radio Inc. ("Sirius") that their service would be national-only. They would provide multiple foreign language programming, senior citizens and children's programming, etc. Because satellite radio would be national, local broadcasters would not be harmed. Now XM and Sirius have blatantly broken their promises, launching "localized" traffic and weather service in the top twenty-one markets. This is only the beginning.

It is clear from the comments they filed in opposition to the NAB Petition that XM and Sirius view the sky as the limit with technology to continue to "localize" their services they can make their formats virtually indistinguishable from local radio.

Without FCC intervention, two companies, with 120 channels each, will reach into every market and try to mimic what local broadcasters do. Here in the New Haven market, we employ several people to gather and deliver local news and traffic information and have incurred great expense.

Satellite Radio doesn't have public interest limits or ownership limits. They have no local investment in their communities.

The \$9.6 billion broadcasters gave to their local communities in 2003 speaks volumes to our commitment to public service.

This station provides community services weekly. Our ability to provide these services could be threatened.